

HESSEQUA TOURISM

THE EXPLORER'S GARDEN ROUTE

TOURISM EVENTS CALENDAR 2026/2027



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EVENT DATE	EVENT NAME	MAIN DESCRIPTION	HOSTING TOWN	CONTACT DETAIL
24 Sep – 03 Oct 2026	Stilbaai Fynbos Festival	A festival celebrating the fynbos diversity of the town. The main events are hosted at the Tuin Op Die Brak Fynbos Park. The programme includes guided nature walks, a trail run and nature workshops.	Stilbaai	082 441 5953
10 Oct 2026	Sleeping Beauty Race	The inaugural Sleeping Beauty Race takes place on Saturday, 10 October 2026 in Riversdale with a 10-km Race and a 5-km Fun Run.	Riversdale	079 699 2298
24 Oct 2026	Bragging Rights Rugby Challenge	Local rugby at its best with the Bragging Rights Trophy on the line! Watch Riversdal Blues vs Riversdal Dorp rugby clubs challenging each other for the trophy and accolades.	Riversdale	bluesrugby@yahoo.com
31 Oct 2026	Rijke Octoberfest	The Rijke Octoberfest is a celebration of witblits, mampoer, beer, craft, lager, food, live music and great company.	Jongensfontein	082 521 0193
01 Nov 2026	Wild Rescue World Vegan Day Celebration	Celebrate World Vegan Day at Wild Rescue with a fynbos floral walk, fynbos talks and pre-ordered picnic hampers.	Stilbaai	064 172 0120

07 Nov 2026	Heidelberg Night Market & Dog Show	A local night market and dog show not to be missed! Various stalls with food, preserves, art and gifts.	Heidelberg	060 920 7579
14 Nov 2026	A Night Under The Stars: Inverroche	A night under the stars is a food and gin experience in Stilbaai with a curated two-course meal, music by The Wine Glass Guy and a nightcap and artisanal chocolate delight. Only R990 per person.	Stilbaai	028 754 2442
20 Nov 2026	Vlakte Marathon: Bloblasie 5-km Fun Run	A 5-km Fun Run starting at the Witsand Beach Parking area. This is a family-friendly event!	Witsand	langebergathletics@gmail.com
21 Nov 2026	Vlakte Marathon	A qualifier for the Two Oceans and the Comrades Marathon. The 10.4-KM, 21.1-km and 42.2-km races.	Heidelberg	langebergathletics@gmail.com
04 Dec 2026	Riversdale 3-KM Neon Colour Run	A night run starting at 19h00. The route is 3-km in distance and is increasing in popularity.	Riversdale	028 713 7953
04-05 Dec 2026	Slangrivier BIB Festival	A festival with food, drinks and vehicle exhibition.	Slangrivier	072 268 1861
04-05 Dec 2026	Marvellous & Kie 7's Tournament	A 7's tournament for scholars and social players taking place at the Riverville Sportsfield.	Riversdale	060 440 4524
26 Dec 2026	Stilbaai Touchies	A major touch rugby tournament that takes place at the Lagoon every year.	Stilbaai	082 492 3683
24 Dec 2026	Lappiesbaai 10-KM Race & Fun Run	A 10-KM Race within Stilbaai atarting at the Lappiesbaai Beach.	Stilbaai	083 264 3071
27 Dec 2027	Jongensfontein Street Mile	A street mile in Jongensfontein with scenic views of the warm Indian Ocean.	Jongensfontein	082 881 7091
31 Dec 2026	Stilbaai NSRI 10-KM Race	A 10-KM Race within Stilbaai. This event is extremely popular, attracting in excess of 1000 runners.	Stilbaai	083 264 3071
11-13 Feb 2027	Heidelberg Agricultural Show	An annual agricultural show with agricultural exhibition; kids entertainment and live shows.	Heidelberg	082 725 4091
17-21 Feb 2027	Riversdale Agricultural Show	An annual agricultural show with agricultural exhibition; kids entertainment; various championships and live performances.	Riversdale	072 651 7148
27-28 Feb 2027	Stilbaai Kayak Classic Competition	A kayak fishing competition that will be held at the Stilbaai Harbour.	Stilbaai	082 446 5701

13 Mar 2027	Biosphere Fun Run	An exciting family-friendly event within the Werner Frehse Nature Reserve just outside Riversdale.	Riversdale	028 050 0576
18-23 Mar 2027	Oakdale Rugby Week	The Oakdale Rugby week hosts some of the most iconic school rugby derbies and schools. It's always a highlight and ALL accommodation are usually fully booked.	Riversdale	028 713 2549
20 Mar 2027	Stilbaai Vetkoekfees	A first for Stilbaai! The Stilbaai Vetkoekfees is a celebration of culture and baking finesse. All proceeds go towards the Jagersbosch Community Care Centre.	Stilbaai	028 754 1934
27 Mar 2027	Stilbaai Amazing Race	An exciting event hosted by the Stilbaai Tourism Office. The event takes participants to various sites, showcasing the towns beauty and diversity.	Stilbaai	028 754 2602
01-03 Apr 2027	Heidelberg Giant Pumpkin Festival	Weekend festival consisting of family-friendly activities, live music, food stalls and a golf day.	Heidelberg	071 876 4224
03 Apr 2027	Ultra Trail Sleeping Beauty	The Ultra Trail Sleeping Beauty is a flagship trail run along the slopes of the Langeberg Mountain in Riversdale.	Riversdale	race@utsb.co.za
03-04 Apr 2027	Windpomp XCO Challenge	A weekend of Mountain Bike fun in the picturesque town of Stilbaai.	Stilbaai	082 455 2875
10 Apr 2027	Hessequa Bowls Open Tournament	A bowls competition that will be take place at the Heidelberg Bowls Club.	Heidelberg	028 722 2425
06-08 May 2027	Heidelberg Hit The Bell Challenge	The Heidelberg Hit The Bell Challenge is a golf tournament which is extremely popular attracting golfers and their families to the start of the Garden Route.	Heidelberg	028 007 0433
19 Jun 2027	Dibiki Mountain Bike & Trail Run Challenge	The Dibiki MBT Challenge consists of a Trail Run and MTB. The MTB allows participants to enjoy the beautiful farmlands and floral diversity.	Riversdale	074 260 2871